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MATERIALS RESEARCH AND MANUFACTURING DIVISION

Members of the Materials Research and Manufacturing Division share information concerning all phases of materials procurement production, applications and handling by means of educational activities, cooperative programs, publications and Division sponsored events at annual conferences.

FROM THE CHAIR

Hello again,

I hope all of you are doing well. Programs are looking good for San Antonio. Mark your calendars...confirmed programs at this point are:

1. **“Electronic Publishing and the Economics of Information”.**

Three hours have been set aside for the team of Carol Tenopir and Donald W. King (Monday, June 11, 1:30-4:30).

This session begins with a discussion of trends in electronic publishing including use and economics of electronic publications. In particular, data are presented to assist special libraries in dealing with collection development (e.g., paper-based vs. electronic subscriptions vs. on demand requesting), site license negotiation, informing the user community of their options and how they can optimally utilize electronic and other publications, and what user and library funders need to know for making their resource allocation decisions.

The second part deals with specific library data collection and measurement. Information is shown to have tremendous value to an organization and is essential in meeting organization mission and goals. Special libraries contribute to the information value



in several measurable ways. Examples are given to show how special libraries contribute to value and how decisions can be made in light of their effect on value.

The session builds on and extends results published in: Towards Electronic Journals: Realities for Scientists, Librarians, and Publishers and Special Libraries: Increasing the Information Edge.

2. **“A Successful Standards Control and Dissemination Program-Meeting a Company Need”** presented by Linda Senkus of the Torrington Company. (Tuesday, June 12, 1:30-2:45)

Following in-depth investigations of ways to facilitate standards acquisitions, dissemination, tracking, and updating, corporate management concluded that the library could best handle this function. The resulting library developed program was so valuable at saving the company money and eliminating cancelled orders for materials that had not been made to specification that the company more than doubled the size of the professional staff. The details of this program and how it was implemented will be presented.

3. **“Developing an Evaluated Database of Crystallography Datasets”** presented by Greg Youngen, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. (Wednesday, June 13, 11:30-12:45)

This presentation will describe the process of developing a database of crystal structure data compilations and highlight some of the innovative electronic resources available to librarians and crystallographers.

We will also be co-sponsoring **“Digital Information Lasts Forever or Five Years, Whichever Comes**

First" (Monday, June 11, 10:30-11:45)

and **"Reducing the Hidden Costs of Learning Curves in Your Department Through Knowledge Management Technology"** (Monday, June 11, 3:00-4:15)

We are still working on a couple of other programs and a CE Course. Keep your fingers crossed.

Best,
Chuck

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